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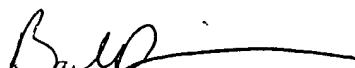


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PREPARING A DIALKYL CARBONATE,)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed February 22, 2002, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-23, for examination.

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Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 24, which is an apparatus claim cast in means plus function language, is a linking claim that is inseparable from process Claims 1-23 and apparatus Claims 25-34. Claim 24 should therefore be examined with elected Claims 1-23. (MPEP 809.03.) Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 24 is generic to Claims 25-34. So, if Claim 24 is allowed, Claims 25-34 must also be examined, and they should therefore be retained in the case at this time. (MPEP 809.04.) Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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